

from Limitations on Interception and Disclosure of Wire, Oral, and Electronic Communications; Section 207: Duration of FISA Surveillance of Non-United States Persons who are Agents of a Foreign Power; Section 214: Pen Register and Trap and Trace Authority Under FISA; Section 225: Immunity for Compliance with FISA Wiretap; and Lone Wolf. Testimony was heard from May Beth Buchanan, U.S. Attorney, Western District of Pennsylvania; James A. Baker, Counsel, Intelligence Policy, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

SECURE ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND COURT PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 1751, Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Judge Jane R. Roth, Chairwoman of Judicial Conference Committee on Security and Facilities; Judge Cynthia Kent, 114th Judicial District Court of Texas; and the following officials of the Eastern District of Virginia: Paul J. McNulty, U.S. Attorney; and John F. Clark, U.S. Marshal.

NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 1428, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Timothy R.E. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Matthew J. Hogan, Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CHILD INTERSTATE ABORTION NOTIFICATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 748, Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be consid-

ered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Ros-Lehtinen, Nadler, Scott of Virginia, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Waters, and Harman.

SENSE OF THE HOUSE RESOLUTION— SMALL BUSINESS BILL OF RIGHTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate on H. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small business are entitled to a Small Business bill of Rights, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments to the resolution and the preamble recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the resolution are considered as adopted. The rule provides one motion to recommit, which may not contain instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Keller, Barrow, Bean, and McGovern.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Sergeant at Arms, the U.S. Capitol Police Board, and the Capitol Guide Service, 11 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 655, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and S. 898, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine how vulnerable the U.S. is to chemical attack, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine regulation of Indian gaming, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul D. Clement, of Virginia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to mark up S. 271, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to resume hearings to examine the USA Patriot Act, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine redefining retirement in the 21st century workplace, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research and the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, joint hearing to Review the impact of Asia Soybean Rust on the U.S. farm sector, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Panel: SAMHSA, NIDA, NIMH, and NIAAA, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on Federal Railroad Administration and AMTRAK, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on State Department FY 2006 Budget Request, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Long-Term Care and Medicaid: Spiraling Costs and the Need for Reform," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on How Internet Protocol-Enabled Services Are Changing the Face of Communications: A View from Government Officials, 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following measures: H.R. 1768, To amend the provision of law establishing the Presidential 9/11 Heroes Medals of Valor to make certain technical corrections to carry out the intent of the provision; H.R. 358, Little Rock Central High School Desegregation 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act; H.R. 1185, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005; H.R. 1224, Business Checking Freedom Act of 2005; and H.R. 68, NASA and JPL 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act. 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to continue hearings on Steroid Use in Sport Part II: Examining the National

Football League's Policy on Anabolic Steroids and Related Substances, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to consider H.R. 1817, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 127, Calling on the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of the Republic of Liberia, to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to be tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law; H. Res. 195, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day and the Liberation of Western Bohemia; H. Res. 233, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (V-E) Day during World War II; H. Res. 193, Expressing support to the organizers and participants of the historic meeting of the Assembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba on May 20, 2005, in Havana; and H. Res. 228, Observing the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Republic of Vietnam to the Communist forces of North Vietnam; followed by a hearing on Millennium Challenge Account: Does the Program Match the Vision? 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, hearing on Islamic Extremism in Europe, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 800, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act; and to mark up H.R. 554, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, oversight hearing entitled "Tribal proposals to acquire land-in-trust for gaming across state lines and how such proposals are affected by the off-reservation discussion draft bill," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Reforestation Problems on National Forests: A GAO Report on the Increasing Backlog, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on Science and Technology Priorities for the Department of Energy in Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Closing the Tax Gap and the Impact on Small Businesses, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following measures: H.R. 889, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2005; H.R. 1410, Delaware River Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 1496, To return general aviation to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; H.R. 1630, Amtrak Reauthorization Act of 2005; and H.R. 1631, Rail Infrastructure Development and Expansion Act for the 21st Century, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 1268, making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 4 p.m., HC-5, Capitol.